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1. BIO DATA FOLLOWS ON WOMEN MRS. RUSH ALMOST CERTAIN TO MEET. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL SKETCHES, IF NECESSARY, WHEN FINAL SCHEDULE FIRMED UP. LUCY RUTH KIRK (WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK) - THE KIRKS HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR THIRTY YEARS. THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN. SOMETIMES DESCRIBED AS A SMALL TOWN WOMAN WITH NO PRETENSIONS SHE IS AT THE SAME TIME VERY AMBITIOUS ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND AND IS A CAPABLE POLITICAL ORGANIZER. MRS. KIRK PLAYS HER ROLE AS PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE IN A LOW KEY AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCCASIONAL CEREMONIAL AND PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS, GENERALLY REMAINS OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE.

2. PEGGY FAULKNER (WIFE OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE ARTHUR FAULKNER) - THE FAULKNERS HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 28 YEARS AND HAVE FIVE CHILDREN. MRS. FAULKNER IS 49 YEARS OLD. SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE THEY WERE BABES IN ARMS. AN INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL, MRS. FAULKNER IS POLITICALLY INFORMED AND TAKES A CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN HER HUSBAND'S CAREER. DURING 1973 SHE TRAVELLED WITH HER HUSBAND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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3. EILEEN WALDING (WIFE OF ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSEPH WALDING) - MRS WALDING HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN PALMERSTON NORTH. THE WALDING STILL MAINTAIN A HOME THERE AND MRS. WALDING COMMUTES TO WELLINGTON ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK. THE WALDING HAVE BEEN MARRIED SINCE 1950 AND HAVE SIX CHILDREN, ALL GIRLS.

4. LYN CORNER (WIFE OF SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANK CORNER) - MRS. CORNER HAS AN M.A. DEGREE FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON. DURING THE 1940'S SHE TAUGHT IN A WELLINGTON SCHOOL AND , LATER, WORKED AS A RESEARCHER FOR THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE. MRS CORNER HAS ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND ON SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC TOURS IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE U.N. IN ALL SHE HAS SPENT SOME THIRTEEN YEARS IN THE U.S.
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